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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1100X]

Pacific Harbor Line, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Los Angeles County, Ca.

Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. (PHL), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. pt. 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to discontinue service over an approximately 3.6-mile rail line in the Port of Los Angeles, between approximately milepost 4.00, north of Front Street and east of Gaffey Street Lead, and south to the end of the Line in Los Angeles County, Ca. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 90731.

PHL has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) overhead traffic on the Line, if any, can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending before the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment

Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will become effective on September 13, 2016 (50 days after the filing of the exemption), unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(c)(2)¹ must be filed by August 22, 2016.² Petitions to reopen must be filed by September 1, 2016, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to PHL's representative: Rose-Michele Nardi, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

¹ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(f)(25).

² Because PHL is seeking to discontinue service, not to abandon the Line, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.

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Decided: August 5, 2016.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.